



Quick guide to Diploma in Public Accountability



What **qualifications** do you need?

You must be in possession of a National Senior Certificate (Preference is given to applicants who already work in a public-service organisation).



How is the Diploma in Public Accountability **taught**?

The diploma is taught in what is known as "blended mode", i.e. the teaching is done through short-duration, direct, real-time interaction and uses telematics as well as electronic media.



What does the Diploma in Public Accountability **cost**?

For more information on the cost of the diploma, please visit www.schoolofpublicleadership.co.za/diploma/



How do you **apply**?

Apply online at www.maties.com
If you have any queries about the diploma, phone Werner Burger at **021 918 4383** or e-mail him at werner.burger@spl.sun.ac.za

DIP

(Diploma in Public
Accountability)



For more
information visit

www.schoolofpublicleadership.co.za/diploma/
or contact werner.burger@spl.sun.ac.za



your key to a
fulfilling career
in public service



Why is **Public Accountability** relevant?



This two-year, higher-education diploma has been designed to help you to develop and to improve the competencies and the skills that you need to follow a career in the public sector or in a public-service environment.

The diploma gives you the opportunity to

- improve your skills in order to make a positive difference in the communities that you serve;
- comply with the statutory public administration requirements and the management-competency requirements of your current and your future positions;
- combine the demands of your studies with the demands of your workplace; and
- gain a higher-education qualification that could start you on a path of progress in your career.

Employees in the public service must be effective and efficient in their service delivery so that they promote a positive image of their environment. **This positive image is built on public accountability.** Employees in public-service organisations – such as municipalities, departments and institutions – who are entrusted with public resources must therefore be accountable to the public for both effectiveness and efficiency in service delivery and in transparency, in compliance with the regulatory framework.

Employees in the public service must be effective and efficient in their service delivery.

What does the **DIP** consist of?



Each year – this is a two-year diploma – is divided into six, 20-credit modules.

The following five modules are compulsory:

- Public Accountability 1 & 2
- Managing Institutional Capacity 1 & 2
- Managing Institutional Performance 1 & 2
- Managing Institutional Collaboration 1 & 2
- Personal Conduct 1 & 2

One of the following two (elective) modules is also compulsory (i.e. you must choose one to do for the two years):

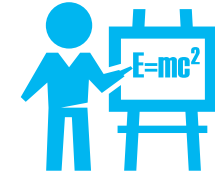
- Compliance and Control 1 & 2
OR
- Public Financial Accounting 1 & 2

The combined learning outcomes of the first-year modules correspond with the learning outcomes of the Unit Standards of the Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency (MMC) levels (RSA, Government Gazette 29967, 2007) of the Local Government:

Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003. The combined learning outcomes of the second-year modules correspond with the learning outcomes of the Competent Level of Qualifications and of Knowledge and Expertise, as defined in Annexure B, Local Government Senior Management Framework of the Local Government: Regulations on Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers (RSA, Government Gazette 36223, 2013).

The second-year learning outcomes also correspond with the public service Senior Management Services (SMS) competencies.

How is the **DIP** taught?



In both your years of study, you must attend six days of classes or “**contact sessions**” at the Bellville Park Campus of Stellenbosch University in Cape Town. Please visit www.schoolofpublicleadership.co.za for scheduled dates for next year. These classes may be repeated at other centres if there are enough students who live and work close by in a particular year. Arrangements for such venues will be communicated when applicable.

You must also attend 60 hours of “**interactive telematics sessions**”. These sessions are broadcast by satellite from Stellenbosch to decentralised classrooms throughout South Africa. The learning process is supplemented by various forms of e-learning that you do from the convenience of your home; it is for this reason that the learner package includes a computer device, internet connectivity and e-learning materials.

You may apply for **recognition of prior learning** from programmes such as the Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency (MCC) training programme for no more than 50% of the credits of the diploma. For more information, visit www.schoolofpublicleadership.co.za/diploma/.

The learning process is supplemented by various forms of e-learning that you do from the convenience of your home.